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USDA TO SURVEY CATFISH PRODUCERS

Little Rock, AR – In July U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will reach out to catfish producers across the region to begin collecting information for the 2015 *July Catfish Production* report. Producers should receive the survey questionnaires in mid to late *June* and can respond via the Internet, mail, or fax. Those who do not respond in one of those ways will have the opportunity for a telephone or personal interview.

"NASS surveys catfish producers in July to create an accurate estimate of catfish inventories in Arkansas and the Nation," said Becky Cross, Director of the NASS Delta Regional Office. In Arkansas, NASS will survey approximately 50 catfish farmers in July asking them to provide the total water area and inventory breakdown of its usage into subcategories (brood fish, food size, and fingerlings).

The catfish industry relies on the *Catfish Production* report to make decisions about the marketing of their goods. Information provided by respondents, for all NASS surveys, is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the *Catfish Production* Report on July 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. CST. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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